

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Amendment to and withdrawal of the claims does not affect inventorship.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following groups of inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 drawn to an optical labeling molecule, classified in class 436, subclass 86.
- II. Claims 17-18 drawn to a method of labeling a target protein, classified in class 436, subclass 86.
- III. Claims 19-27 drawn to a method of performing protein analysis, classified in class 436, subclass 86.

Election

Applicants elect **Group I (claims 1-16)**, drawn to an optical labeling molecule, classified in class 436, subclass 86, without traverse. Thus, please withdraw claims 17-27.

Conclusion

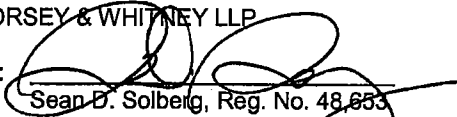
This response is being filed on November 13, 2006, (November 10, 2006 having fallen on a Federal Holiday), thus making this a timely response. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (File No. 470425-00015 ; Docket No. A-72182/RMS/SDS).

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